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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES AND

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1. DUE ROMANIANS INABILITY OR RELUCTANCE PROVIDE SIMPLE STATEMENT UNBURDENED BY REFERENCES TO FUEL PRICES IN NEW YORK, FEA HAS INSTRUCTED TAROM FUEL SUPPLIER SHELL TO CEASE PROVIDING TAROM WITH LOW PRICE DOMESTIC FUELS AFTER OCTOBER 1. SHELL WILL INFORM TAROM TO THIS EFFECT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. COMMERCE CONCURS WITH THIS DECISION. (FYI: FOREIGN CARRIERS WITH ACCESS TO BONDED FUEL SUPPLIES HAVE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAD ACCESS TO PRICE CONTROLLED AND THEREFORE CHEAPER DOMESTIC SUPPLIES. AS INDICATED REF B TAROM HAS RECEIVED TEMPORARY EXEMPTION AND HAS THEREFORE ENJOYED DOMESTIC FUEL ALLOCATION. AT PRESENT DOMESTIC

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FUEL IS .15-.25/GAL CHEAPER THAN BONDED FUEL. END FYI.)

2. WE HAVE BROUGHT FOREGOING TO ATTENTION ROMANIAN EMBASSY EMBOFF IORDACHESCU WITH SUGGESTION THAT ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES PROVIDE STATEMENT TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST OR THROUGH ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO DEPARTMENT TO EFFECT THAT FUEL WOULD BE SUPPLIED U.S. CARRIERS AT BUCHAREST FREE OF ROMANIAN TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES AT PRICES NO HIGHER THAN THOSE APPLIED TO OTHER CARRIERS AT BUCHAREST.

IORDACHESCU WAS OBVIOUSLY NON-COMMITAL BUT PROMISED REPORT DEVELOPMENTS MFA WITH SUGGESTED STATEMENT.

3. IN MEANTIME DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE MR. BUTTERFIELD RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH ROMANIANS. HOWEVER, IF BUTTERFIELD VISIT PROVIDES EMBASSY WITH ACCESS TO TAROM OFFICIALS, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EMBASSY TO DISCUSS FUEL QUESTION WITH THEM DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON FOREGOING AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES. KISSINGER

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